

On WOPR
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As a resident of western Oregon, I understand the role of logging in western Oregon, and I have some reasoned opinions about the WOPR. The original law calling for logging of BLM-administered lands called for “sustainable” production. “Sustainable” means sustained wood production, but it also means sustained forest health, including sustaining forest functions such as providing clean water and habitat for forest wildlife. I value the wood production, but I also value the clean water and wilderness qualities of Oregon’s once-magnificent forests. Very little of the original Oregon old growth remains. We need to save the remaining old growth to enable us to sustain the forest ecosystem as a whole, thus I oppose any aspect of the WOPR that calls for logging of existing old growth forest.